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BERLIN YIELDS; WILL RECALL TWO CAPTAINS

Boy-Ed and Von Papen to Go Home Is Amsterdam Report.

ON BERNSTORFF'S ADVICE

Ambassador Said to Have Sent Word It Was Best Thing to Do.

POSTS HERE TO REMAIN VACANT

No Official Advices Yet in Washington, But Report Is Generally Credited.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Amsterdam, Dec. 7.—Germany today granted the request of the United States for the recall of Capt. von Papen and Capt. Boy-Ed, according to a dispatch from Berlin. The decision of the German government is said to have been reached after the foreign office after careful consideration of the matter. Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador at Washington, is reported to have advised such a step and his advice was heeded on this matter in the same manner as on others in which he has treated with the American government.

It is expected, according to the Berlin advices, that the posts of military and naval attaches of the embassy at Washington will remain vacant for the remainder of the war.

Report Credited Here.

Strong indications existed last night that Germany will recall Capt. von Papen and Boy-Ed, the military and naval attaches, respectively, of the German Embassy, without pressing its demand for a bill of particulars concerning the specific charges upon which the request for the recall was made.

These indications revolve for the most part around a change of attitude noticeable in authoritative German quarters, where on Monday it was almost flatly stated that without such a bill of particulars the request for the recall would not be granted. So marked, indeed, was this change that there is strong reason to believe that the German Ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, has advised his government as reported to content itself with expressions contained in a personal communication received by the Ambassador yesterday from Secretary of State Lansing.

Ford Asks Aid From Congress

Peace Advocate Sends Wireless, Requesting Support of Both Houses.

A wireless dispatch was received in Washington last night from Henry Ford, master of the good ship Oscar II, which is bound for foreign ports on a peace mission. The dispatch was addressed to Congress, and asks that it support Mr. Ford in his plan to bring the European war to an end and get the men out of the trenches by the first of the new year.

Copies of the telegram were placed in the hands of Speaker Clark and Vice President Marshall last night. It will be read in the two houses when they meet on Friday. The message reads as follows:

"We, citizens of the United States, now sailing to Europe on the steamship Oscar II with the serious purpose of uniting the citizens of European neutral countries in an organized effort to deliver the men from the trenches and the women from their suffering and agonies and restore the peace of the world upon an honorable and just basis which will stop the mad race of competitive armament, do hereby earnestly petition and entreat you to give the peace mission your support and encouragement, so that it may succeed at the earliest practicable moment. Signed, Henry Ford, for the 15 members of the International Peace Commission."

ENTIRE REGIMENT LOST.

Germany Say No Trace of Famous 174th Can Be Found.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—The German general staff reports the complete annihilation of the 174th Infantry regiment, last reported engaged at Strumitz, in Bulgaria. Not a single man belonging to that command has been heard of since the Strumitz fighting. When, through the Geneva Red Cross, the French government made inquiry regarding the 174th, which is a famous regiment, the German staff made its investigation.

War Council Holds Second Meeting.

Paris, Dec. 7.—A second meeting of the great war council of the allies was held today with representatives of England, France, Russia and Italy present.

VICE PRESIDENT ROBBED.

Marshall's Home Looted While He Attends Wife at Hospital.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 7.—The residence of Vice President Marshall was looted this morning while he was at the bedside of his wife in a local hospital.

Mr. Marshall had previously sent several trunks including all of his silverware to a safety vault in preparation for his return to Washington.

The burglars did not get much of value, but did much damage.

Mrs. Marshall is doing nicely at the hospital, where she underwent an operation two weeks ago, but the Vice President's plans to leave for Washington are still indefinite.

ST. LOUIS THE WINNING CITY

Democratic National Convention Will Be Held There June 14.

COMMITTEE ASKS PRESIDENT TO RUN AGAIN FOR PARTY

Speaker Clark Says There Is No Doubt as to Candidate—Meeting Harmonious.

The next Democratic National Convention will meet at St. Louis at 12 o'clock on Wednesday, June 14, 1916. Decision to this effect was reached by the Democratic National Committee yesterday after considering the claims of the three cities—Chicago, Dallas, and St. Louis—each backed by the proffer of \$100,000 to defray the expenses of the political gathering. St. Louis, however, has the real cash, while the others were on paper.

The adoption of a resolution by the national committee calling on Mr. Wilson to run again was a most unusual proceeding. If any further evidence were needed, this is interpreted as conclusive that the President is to be a candidate to succeed himself. It was demonstrated that the Wilson men were in control of the committee, and they probably would not have passed the resolution without learning the President's wishes. Usually the national committee tries to avoid taking any open stand on a candidate in advance of the convention.

Meeting Harmonious.

The belief here last night was that the passage of this resolution is part of a move to open the way for the President's announcement of his candidacy. The action of the committee will make it easier to explain away the one-term plank obstacle.

The committee meeting was a harmonious affair. At the outset the reported lack of harmony between Chairman McCombs and certain elements in the party was declared to be fanciful, and if any desire to oust him existed it was not displayed in the deliberations of the committee.

A warning that the Democratic party faces a struggle was uttered by Speaker Clark, who urged that the convention be held in St. Louis.

"If you want the eighteen electoral votes of Missouri," he said, "you'd better send the convention to St. Louis." The Speaker said that the dwindling of the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives foreshadowed the bitterness of the coming conflict. Concerning the problem of selecting a candidate he added:

"I suppose there's no doubt as to who it will be."

STORY DENIED BY PRICE.

Amused, He Says, at Murder Story Told by Washington Man.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 7.—Sensational accusations are included in the matter of the hands of Speaker Clark and Vice President Marshall last night. It will be read in the two houses when they meet on Friday. The message reads as follows:

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Earthquakes in Middle West.

Cairo, Ill., Dec. 7.—At 12:45 o'clock today a very severe earthquake shock was felt here. Houses were shaken and dishes rattled. The shock lasted about a minute and a half.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 7.—The entire city and surrounding territory was shaken at 12:45 o'clock this afternoon by an earthquake. The vibrations traveled from east to west.

Admiral Ludlow Improved.

New York, Dec. 7.—The condition of Rear Admiral Nicol Ludlow, who is suffering from pneumonia as well as a stroke of apoplexy, was reported to-night to be slightly improved. He is at the Hotel Gotham. His son, Edwin Ludlow, came on from Liverpool, Pa., last night.

BRITISH ENVOY SEIZED AT SEA

Taken from Neutral Vessel and Dispatches Pocketed by Austrians.

GREEK SHIP IS FIRED UPON BY SUBMARINE NEAR PATRIS

Protests of Captain Against Violation of Neutrality Unheeded—Told "None of His Business."

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Milan, Dec. 7.—Colonel Napier, former military attaché of the British Legation at Sofia, and Captain Stanley Wilson, a member of Parliament, have been captured by an Austrian submarine in the Mediterranean and are prisoners of war. Captain Wilson was carrying dispatches from Athens to the British government. These dispatches are now in the hands of the Central Powers.

The two men were passengers on the Greek steamship Spetia, which plies between Greek and Italian ports. The Spetia was speeding at ten knots between Patris and Spartivento when the submarine appeared and gave chase.

Fired on Neutral Flag.

The Spetia hoisted her neutral flag, and increased her speed, whereupon the submarine shot at the steamer. The Spetia continued to force her speed at the captain's orders, but the effort was useless.

Soon afterwards another shot barely missed the steamer and convinced the captain that his vessel was at the mercy of the pursuer. He then gave orders to stop the engine. The submarine approached within half a mile and the Austrian colors were seen.

The commander of the submarine ordered the Spetia to lower her boats. One boat was sunk by the second shot of the submarine and some sailors who boarded the Spetia. After visiting every part of the ship, the submarine officer examined her passenger list and then cross-questioned the three Britishers aboard, one of whom was a Red Cross attendant.

The captain of the steamship, as well as the captain of the vessel, protested against this violation of their international rights. The submarine officer finally told the steamship captain it was none of his business to intervene.

At the conclusion, declared Col. Napier and Capt. Wilson, they were prisoners and ordered into the submarine, permitting the Red Cross man to continue his voyage.

In the confusion some one threw several bulky mail bags into the sea, but the bags were fished out by the Austrian sailors and taken into the submarine.

Before leaving the steamer the Austrian officers warned the captain of the steamer not to mark on the chart the spot where the search had taken place.

BRITISH SHIP SEIZURE DISTURBING ARGENTINA

"Trespassed Rights of Neutrals," Foreign Minister Says in Chamber of Deputies.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 7.—There is considerable agitation here over the seizure by Great Britain of the steamship President Mitré, flying the Argentine flag. The minister of foreign relations, answering a question in the Chamber of Deputies today, said:

"Great Britain has trespassed on the rights of neutrals. The Argentine flag should have been ample protection for the President Mitré."

The Argentine government has protested to Great Britain against the seizure, but in spite of that fact the ship has been requisitioned by the British government. The charge was made in the Chamber of Deputies today that the Mitré had been converted into a British auxiliary cruiser and had entered the harbor of Montevideo in that capacity, flying the British flag.

Liner to Be Hospital Ship.

London, Dec. 7.—The Britannic, the 20,000-ton White Star liner recently completed, will be used as a hospital ship. It will be equipped with 6,000 beds.

The Mauretania, which was visited at Naples by the American, Danish, and Swedish consuls to refute the German allegations that she is not a hospital ship, has made it possible to bring wounded from the Dardanelles to the country in a week, revolutionizing the schedule of the ordinary hospital craft.

U. S. Scores in Rebate Cases.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The government scored heavily today in its prosecution of railroads for rebating on grain shipments to points east of Chicago. The Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad pleaded guilty to twelve counts. Federal Judge Landis found the Pennsylvania Railroad and the "Panhandle" route guilty on five counts each. The total possible maximum fines under the twenty-two counts is \$100,000.

Carr Postpones Duma Session.

Petrograd, Dec. 7.—Pending the completion of the budget and the decision of the great military conference, now in progress in Paris, Emperor Nicholas has postponed indefinitely reconvening the Council of the Empire and of the Duma. The imperial decree was issued last night.

President in Ringing Speech Bids Congress Prepare for Defense Abroad and at Home

Bigger Army, Bigger Navy and Above All a Warning Against Those Naturalized Citizens Who Have "Poured the Poison of Disloyalty Into the Very Arteries of America's Life."

A vigorous plea for economic independence and national security was the keynote of the virile message read yesterday afternoon before the assembled houses of Congress by President Woodrow Wilson.

And accompanying this plea was a spirited and vehement denunciation of those enemies within the borders of our own country who, born under foreign flags but availing themselves of the opportunities of American naturalization, have poured the poison of disloyalty into the very arteries of our national life, seeking to bring the authority and good name of the government into contempt.

The message dealt with a half dozen or more specific subjects, and yet they were all interwoven like a skillfully constructed mosaic, the theme of which was preparedness against being drawn into the maelstrom of war—preparedness for a future of peace and prosperity and widened activity and absolute safety.

The message gave, as it were, a vista of the true position of the United States—a situation far different from that which existed in the decades past. It was the presentation of a new conception of the position and of the duties

Near Riot When Suffragists And Antis Meet at Hearing Before Democratic Committee

Charges of Bribery Hurlled Against Mrs. Dodge Met with Tears Then a Haughty Rejoinder—Altogether Like a Men's Political Affair Except for the Smoke.

Suffragists and antis went to the mat yesterday before the National Democratic Committee at the Willard.

What had promised to be a dignified proceeding of great prominence was turned into a near riot at the close of the hearing.

"Anti" misstatements were followed by suffrage hisses, which in turn evoked vitriolic reprisals. In short, it was just like a men's meeting, plus a few tears and minus much smoke.

The tears came when a suffragist from Idaho made an attack—verbal, of course—on Mrs. Arthur W. Dodge, president of the anti-suffragists.

Mrs. Dodge, tearful, then haughty. Shaking a handful of suffrage leaflets under the nose of the very dignified "anti," the Western woman shouted: "I understand you were paid seventy-five dollars for your speech here today."

Mrs. Dodge flushed angrily and tears filled her eyes. Then she replied in her haughtiest manner:

"As a woman of independent means I do not have to receive a cent for my services, but I have financed the work of many others."

With more ardor than intelligence, the suffragist persisted in further accusations along the same line. Then, thrusting her

leaflets into the muff Mrs. Dodge carried, she cried:

"Read these and come over on our side."

Then Sergeant-at-Arms Charley White made a hasty dive through the surging crowd of women. Forcing a path with his mighty right arm, he conducted Mrs. Dodge to the upper end of the room.

"There, there, Mrs. Dodge," he said soothingly.

"You'll be safe now."

The suffrage leaders were indignant when they learned of the fracas.

Apologies were made immediately and Mrs. Dodge was escorted to the elevator later with all ceremony.

"I have no idea who the person was," said Alice Paul when asked about the matter. "She did not represent the Congressional Union; that is certain. I cannot understand how any suffragist, however irritated, could have behaved in such a disgraceful manner."

Says She Was "Sworn At."

It was learned that the same woman made a similar attack on another anti, Mrs. Homer Guerry, of Maryland.

Mrs. Guerry declared that she was sworn at and further insulted.

How the anti happened to be at the

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Former Policeman Arrested in Alleged Thieves' Store-House

Demoted Detective Howlett Leads Raiders in Capture of W. A. Hixson, Mrs. Regina West and Leo Koerner—Merchants Identify Goods Found at 1400 Belmont Street Northeast.

An alleged storehouse of stolen goods and headquarters for a band of thieves, as termed by police, was raided at 1400 Belmont street northwest yesterday.

Walter A. Hixson, a policeman under suspension on an indictment of house-breaking, was arrested with two companions, one of whom was a woman, Hixson and a youth, Leo Koerner, were charged with house-breaking and petit larceny. The woman, Mrs. Regina West, 33, is held as a United States witness.

Fifteen lab robes, a clock, toilet sets, chairs, bundles of chamois skin, ostrich plumes, silverware, tools and a loveling tripod, all of which, police say, were stolen, were confiscated in the house. A value of at least \$500 is placed on the articles, much of which has been identified by business men robbed by thieves, police say.

A case of empty food cans was the principal clue which resulted in the swearing out of a search warrant by Policemen Howlett and Bradley. The discarded cans, kicked from a rubbish container in the rear of the house, were identified by a grocerman.

About noon yesterday Policemen Howlett, Bradley, and Balderson entered the house to make the arrests. They found Hixson, the suspended policeman, reclining on the stolen lab robes, they say. Koerner and the West woman also were in the house, as were her four children.

Hixson took his arrest calmly. He made no comment on the fact he was

Germany's Ally Islam, "Like a Slow Disease."

Berlin, by Wireless via Tuckerton, N. J., Dec. 7.—Dispatches from Constantinople state that the English position on Gallipoli Peninsula is growing worse every day, says the Overseas News Agency.

Newspapers in the Turkish capital are recalling the words of the Shiek Ul Islam, head of the Mohammedan faith, a year ago:

"Slowly but surely, like a lingering sickness, the notice of the holy war will penetrate through the body of the English empire."

M'KINLEY HOST TO G. O. P. MEN

Party Chairman Entertains at New Willard for Its Leaders.

SEVENTY-SIX NEW MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN ATTENDANCE

Presidential Possibilities Speak. Burton Sends Telegram and Root Wires Message.

Representative William B. McKinley, whose capacity as host is renowned, entertained the Republican members of Congress and other party leaders at supper and a talk last night in the red room at the Willard.

It was a happy affair. To say that the Republicans were feeling their oats is to express it mildly. Except that the rooster is the mascot of the enemy, the guests might almost be accused of crowing.

All agreed that the prospects for a Republican year were a little better than the best, and that if the war-scarred banner of the G. O. P. didn't wave over the White House, Senate and House on the fifth day of March, 1917, there would be a trick in the game.

The affair was a "Get-acquainted Party." It was primarily for the new Republican members of Congress, to give them confidence to withstand the over-riding airs of the somewhat nervous Democracy.

Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts; Senator Sherman, of Illinois; Senator Harding, of Ohio; Minority Leader Mann, of Illinois, all spoke, and "The Joe" Cannon and Adam Bode as well.

Root Wires War Message.

To almost complete the representation of Republican booms, telegrams were read from former Senators Root and Burton. Root's wire, addressed to Mr. McKinley in the parlance of the battlefield, read:

"Sorry to miss your general staff meeting. Hope, courage, public spirit and unity be with you in opening the great drive of 1916."

Senator Weeks said in part:

"The gathering here tonight is the visible manifestation of the Republican reunion and rehabilitation that has been sweeping the country during the past year. It is inspiring to see so many new men in our midst, for new men mean new energies and new ideas, and that is what the country needs and demands just at this time, when there are so many new situations to be met."

As the sole representative of the Ball Moose party, George Miller refused to commit himself beyond admitting that a pleasant time was had by all. In the receiving line were Representative McKinley, Minority Leader Mann, Representative Wood, chairman of the Congressional committee; James B. Reynolds, secretary of the Republican National Committee, and Edward Snyder, president of the Gridiron Club, representing the newspaper men. In addition the seventy-six newly-elected representatives were in the receiving line.

CLOSING TIGHT THE NET.

Consular Employees Closely Questioned by Federal Officials.

New York, Dec. 7.—Announcement of the demand for recall of Capt. Boy-Ed and Von Papen, it became known today, was preceded a few hours by a mysterious midnight conference in the Federal Building here. A number of foreign consular employees were closely interrogated at this meeting.

It also developed today that the government has traced a fund of \$50,000 deposited last summer in the name of Captain Franz von Rintelen, in one of the largest banks in New York.

United States Attorney Marshall announced that David Lamm, Wall Street's "wolf" received several hundred thousand dollars from Von Rintelen.

Lamm, Mr. Marshall asserted, was to "accelerate" labor disorders and strikes by munitions manufacturers. He worked, the government alleges, through the organization known as "Class-National-Labor-Peace Council." The Federal Grand Jury is rapidly concluding its investigation into the peace council.

Greek Supplies from the U. S.

Athens, Dec. 7.—It is announced that in conformity with the wishes of the government ship owners have placed their steamers at the disposal of the government for the transport of wheat, coal and sulphate of copper purchased by Greece in the United States.

U.S. SHIP TORPEDOED AND SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN; OWNED BY STANDARD OIL

Communiapaw Goes Down Near Tobruk, Tripoli, American Embassy at Rome Is Informed—Crew's Fate Unknown.

SUBMARINE NOT IDENTIFIED

Official Word Received at State Department of Attack on Petrolite, But Nothing About This Latest Report. First Submarine Carried Austrian Flag.

By CAMILLO CIANPARRO.

Rome, Dec. 7.—The American Embassy has been informed that the Standard Oil steamer Communiapaw has been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean Sea.

"The vessel was sunk near Tebruk, Tripoli. No information has been received concerning the fate of the crew. There is also no news of the submarine nationality."

Official Report on Petrolite.

The State Department last night received official confirmation of the attack on the American steamship Petrolite, owned by the Standard Oil Company, in the Mediterranean by a submarine flying the Austrian flag.

No official word has been received of the attack on the American steamer Communiapaw, also owned by the Standard Oil Company, as reported in dispatches from Rome.

Officials indicated plainly that these attacks may lead to serious consequences. While no official statement will be issued pending complete investigation, it is made clear the attacks will be made the subject of communication to Austria immediately. Just what terms will be used in the communication has not been decided, but it was clearly evident that officials believe that a protest stronger than any yet made on submarine warfare is necessary.

The confirmation of the attack on the Petrolite was contained in a report from Commander Blakely, of the cruiser Des Moines, now in Mediterranean waters. It said:

"Des Moines received the following radiograph: 'American steamer Petrolite, Alexandria, Egypt, from New York, attacked by submarine this morning about 6:20 (Sunday), in latitude 32:35 north, longitude 26:08 east. One man wounded, not seriously.' (Signed) 'THOMPSON, Master.'"

Carried Austrian Flag.

To this Commander Blakely added:

"In answer to my inquiry received the following information: 'Submarine carrying Austrian flag. Officer said she looked like big cruiser. Man wounded by exploding shell. Petrolite belongs Standard Oil Company, and commissioned April 19, 1915. At the time she was attacked she was about 350 miles west of Alexandria and just south of west end of the Island of Crete, distance about 120 miles.'"

Commander Blakely was directed to further investigate the attack.

Left New York October 27.

New York, Dec. 7.—The Communiapaw was commanded by Capt. Nordstrom, and carried a crew of forty. She is owned by the Standard Oil Company, and was engaged in carrying oil to Alexandria, Egypt.

She left New York October 27 for Savona and Alexandria, Egypt, and was reported within 100 miles from Sandy Hook.

The Communiapaw was one of four German tank steamers taken over by the Standard Oil Company since the outbreak of the war. She was formerly owned by the Deutsche Amerikanische Petroleum Gesellschaft of Hamburg.

Her original name was Deutschland, but this was changed to Communiapaw at the time of transfer about ten months ago.

Lone Bandit Robs Colorado Bank.

Colorado Springs, Col., Dec. 7.—A lone bandit walked into the Bank of Manitou this afternoon while all employees except Cashier J. Frank Campbell were at luncheon, and at the point of a gun forced him into the vault, took between \$2,500 and \$3,000, and got away with it.

Farmer Shoots Self; CONDITION CRITICAL.

R. L. Fox, of Oxon Hill, Md., Accidentally Inflicts Wound—At Providence Hospital.

R. L. Fox, a farmer living near Oxon Hill, Md., accidentally shot himself with a shot gun in his home yesterday. He was brought to Providence Hospital in a critical condition.

Fox had spent the morning working on his farm. About noon he went to his room and a few minutes later his wife heard a shot fired. The load from the gun tore a large hole in his left side, just above his hip. He was carried in a wagon to a store in Congress Heights operated by Howard Brady, where he was treated by Dr. Charles Benson.

Brady carried him to Providence Hospital in an automobile. Physicians pronounced his condition critical.

It is presumed Fox was cleaning his gun. He has made no statement concerning the shooting, it is understood.

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